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IN THE ABSTRACT

Please replace the original Abstract with the enclosed substitute Abstract that is on a separate sheet and that identifies the present Application by U.S. Serial No. and Attorney Docket No.

IN THE WRITTEN DESCRIPTION

Please replace the paragraph at Page 15, Line 3, with the following paragraph:

--In certain embodiment(s), the first node may be realized by a telecommunications node (TN) having both switching intelligence and narrowband switching fabric. The intermediate node or level may be realized by an interworking function (IWF) (e.g., mediation logic (ML)) that involves an emulator providing a standard interface to the TN and an address mapper. The second node may be realized by one or

more media gateways (MGs) having broadband switching fabric. Advantageously, the switching intelligence of the TN may be utilized or relied on by the multiple MGs via a mapping of the mapper from a narrowband (e.g., telephony) address space to a broadband (e.g., ATM) address space so as to enable transport of a communication across a broadband network of the MGs using addresses of the broadband address space.--

Please replace the paragraph at Page 108, Line 18 (and extending onto Page 109), with the following paragraph:

--Referring now to FIG. 16, an exemplary tri-level nodal environment implementation in accordance with the present invention is illustrated generally at 1600. A telecommunications node (TN) 1605 (e.g., which may correspond to, for example, a call/connection control node 405 of the embodiment(s) of FIGS. 15 et seq.) is shown connected to a media gateway controller (MGC) 1610 (e.g., which may correspond to, for example, a modified connection control node 410' of the embodiment(s) of FIGS. 15 et seq.). The TN (a.k.a. legacy switch (LS)) 1605 may have a circuit switch

COMBINING NARROWBAND APPLICATIONS WITH BROADBAND TRANSPORT

SUBSTITUTE ABSTRACT

The combination of narrowband applications with broadband transport may be enabled with a tri-level nodal system in which a narrowband node (e.g., a telecommunications node) may provide switching intelligence to the switching fabric of multiple broadband nodes (e.g., media gateways). The switching intelligence is provided via an intermediate node (e.g., mediation logic) that emulates a switch interface for the narrowband node and translates circuit-based addresses/routing instructions to packet-based addresses/routing instructions. This translation equates to a mapping of address(es) in a first address space to address(es) in a second address space in order to utilize the address(es) of the second address space for propagating communications on a broadband transport mechanism.